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**In support of CUP - case #24-5200 Rancho Viejo Solar To: Santa Fe County Commissioners**

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Dear Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Rancho Viejo Solar+BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) project because Santa Fe urgently needs more renewable energy. The 2019 Energy Transition Act requires that PNM close the gas and coal plants that have historically powered our homes and businesses and replace them with renewable energy. That means that we need not only the Rancho Viejo Project in the immediate future, we also need tens of others solar/wind/geothermal and storage projects in the very near future. "PNM has communicated a need for about 2,000 MW in the 2024-30 period and between 5,400 MW and 8,700 MW through the end of its 20-year planning horizon in 2042." Source: P. 8 of <https://www.prc.nm.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/RPS-Report-6-28-Final.pdf>

Santa Fe County has stated in the Sustainable Growth Management Plan and the Sustainable Land Development Code that we aim to develop more solar and renewable energy. This is our opportunity to do what we said.

Please take action on curbing climate change and enabling a more resilient future for all of our residents and businesses by approving the Rancho Viejo Solar and Storage project!

Thank you,  
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